

## EDISON BANS CIGARETTES.

Workers Can't Use Them, Though He Smokes Cigars and Chews.

West Orange, N. J.—When the 6,700 employees of the Edison plants here entered the shops the other morning they were confronted on every side with printed signs bearing this warning: "Cigarettes Not Tolerated. They Dull the Brain."

As a result of correspondence with Henry Ford, the Detroit automobile manufacturer, Thomas A. Edison decided to be a crusader against the cigarette. At the request of Mr. Ford Mr. Edison made analyses of at least twenty brands of cigarettes. While he found the tobacco contained in them was of all qualities, he found poisonous matter in all the papers in which they were rolled. Said Mr. Edison:

"That poison attacks the brain and works havoc with man's mental activity. His mind becomes clouded. Evaristo Madero, brother of the late president of Mexico, told here a few days ago that men, women and children are inveterate smokers of cigarettes in the southern republic. That is why Mexicans as a race are not clear headed."

Mr. Edison has always abhorred cigarettes, but he is a heavy smoker of cigars, and he likes to chew tobacco.

## WALKS 190 MILES TO ENLIST.

Boy Disappointed When Told War Had Not Been Declared.

Jackson, Miss.—Coming afoot all the way from Tate county, 190 miles, George Starks, a young farmer, went to the office of the adjutant general of the state and astonished everybody there by saying that he wanted to enlist as a private for the war in Mexico. The attaches of the office looked at the man in wonder. This certainly was unusual. Everybody else that had said anything about enlisting in the state militia wanted to be a captain, a colonel or a major.

The simon pure patriot was told to keep up with the daily newspapers and return to the adjutant general's office when war should be declared and Mississippi would be called on for militia.

Starks was disappointed. He wanted to get into the fight at once. He wanted no stripes, no honors—simply the privilege of being a private in the ranks to fight for the honor of the flag.

## M'ADOOS WILL LIVE IN A LITTLE "COTTAGE"

Future Home Situated In Fashionable Washington Suburb.

Washington.—Now that the Wilson-McAdoo wedding is over, one great postnuptial fact stands out prominently:

The McAdoos are going to live in a cottage!

This has come as something of a shock to Washington society, which, when it heard the news, elevated its eyebrows and emitted a little murmur of surprise.

But it will be jarring to certain of a sentimental cast of mind to learn that the "cottage" of the McAdoos will be a cottage in name only.

It's something on the order of the "cottages down at Newport" that Coburn used to sing about long years ago, and the cottage which the McAdoos are reported to be taking is situated at Chevy Chase, not far from the Chevy Chase club, of which President Wilson is a member.

A cottage at Chevy Chase comes very near being the kind of house known in 1880 as a mansion. Chevy Chase is the most exclusive suburb of all the suburbs around the capital, and the man who buys a house there finds his deed quite full of clauses, stipulating everything from the price of the house he must build on the lot to the color and nationality of the man to whom he may sell his property if ever he goes broke.

Therefore it seems that the mere report that the McAdoo cottage is to be in Chevy Chase kills all the roseate dreams of the sentimental minded, who probably conjured up dreams of a bungalow where the red roses grow.

## LOOPS 15 LOOPS: QUILTS.

Aviator Retires, Saying There Is No Money or Glory For Professionals.

Paris.—One of the foremost of French air men, Rene Didart, is retiring from aviation disappointed. That there is no longer either money or glory in professional aviation is the conclusion arrived at by Didart after four years of activity.

To celebrate his retirement Didart looped the loop fifteen consecutive times and then came to earth to remain there. He will devote his time in the future to automobile racing and to big game shooting, for after the dangers of the high airs, according to Didart, a man has lost all taste for the humdrum pursuits of life.

## Ancient Cradle Still Used.

Columbus, Ind.—John W. Scheidt, treasurer of Bartholomew county, has presented his grandchild, Walter J. Koch, son of Mr. and Mrs. Theodore K. Koch of this city, with a black walnut cradle that is fifty-two years old. Mr. Scheidt's father bought it. Eleven children in the family were rocked in the cradle and also eight children of John W. Scheidt. Now Mr. Scheidt has a grandson, who will be rocked in it.

## IRELAND HOME RULE BILL IS NOW A LAW

House of Commons Decides Long Fight by a Majority of 77 Votes.

London.—Home rule for Ireland became assured when the house of commons, by a majority of 77, passed the Irish home rule bill for its third and last reading. The vote was 351 to 274, and the measure becomes law in a month whether it is sanctioned by the house of lords or not.

The struggle, dating back to 1870, came to an end suddenly, the Unionists refusing to debate the bill without further information as to the attitude of the government toward the proposed amendment to the measure. The principal provisions in the Irish home rule bill are:

A senate of 40 members, a house of commons of 164 members.

Irish parliament cannot legislate on peace or war, navy, army, foreign relations, coinage or legal tender.

The Irish parliament takes over the constabulary at the end of six years and may demand the control of old age pensions and national insurance, giving one year's notice.

The imperial government is to collect the taxes and pay these to the Irish government with certain additional sums. The Irish parliament may, under certain conditions, add to the taxes.

Ireland runs her postoffice.

The number of Irish members in the imperial parliament is reduced to 42. Religion is strictly safeguarded.

The imperial government retains an absolute veto power.

## CONFIRM BALKAN CRUELITIES

Atrocities Called Unparalleled by Carnegie Peace Commission.

New York.—Results of an exhaustive investigation into the conditions in the Balkans during and following the wars of 1912 and 1913 were made public by the Balkan commission of inquiry of the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace.

In this indictment brought by the commission against all the contending forces, no one of the Balkan nations is spared. Atrocities committed upon the non-combatant Moslems in Macedonia surpassed in many instances the crimes committed by the race from which the Christian nations were supposed to have received their education in the refinements of cruelty. The barbarous acts and inhuman reprisals performed by Bulgarians, Serbians and Greeks against each other would be incredible if they were not supported by unquestionable evidence.

## Roosevelt Visits Washington.

Washington.—Colonel Roosevelt returned to Washington Tuesday on one of the few visits he has made since he left the white house.

The primary object of the colonel's trip is to deliver a lecture before the National Geographical society on his South American explorations, but Washingtonians who mix in politics were interested in the conference held with the progressive leaders in congress.

## IDAHO GUARD HALTS ATTEMPTED OUTBREAK

Boise, Idaho.—One prisoner is dead and two wounded as a result of an attempted wholesale delivery at the Idaho state penitentiary Saturday. U. G. Hereup, serving a life sentence for murder, committed at Pocatello, died two hours after the attempt was made. C. A. Allers, a prisoner from Shoshone county, serving an indeterminate sentence for forgery, will lose an arm, which was shattered by a bullet from one of the guns of the prison guards. Lyman Jones, serving a sentence of from 10 to 40 years for murder in Fremont county, was slightly wounded.

The break for liberty was made while half of the guards on the prison wall were at lunch. The prisoners put up a bench to the wall where No. 2 guard usually stood, but which was unprotected. The men were able to make the top of the wall.

## Mediators Leave Much to Mexico.

Niagara Falls, Ont.—Smooth progress toward a common agreement on all phases of the Mexican problem is being made by the mediators and the American and Mexican delegates. The mediators have taken the position that they are essentially counselors and not dictators. They will not suggest names for the provisional presidency, nor recommend any form of government. From the Mexican delegates themselves must originate proposals concerning the internal affairs of their country.

## HE CALLS IT FISHING.

Drains a Ditch and Catches Trout With His Hands.

San Francisco.—W. H. Davenport, returning to his home here, tells this story: "I was back in Nevada recently, and a friend of mine who owns what he calls 'just a little ranch' of 9,000 acres asked me if I would like to fish for mountain trout. I said I would; it's my favorite sport."

"Come on," said he, and he took me to a stream across which he has built a dam for the purpose of irrigating his alfalfa.

"Instead of producing fish poles he suddenly turned on the water and let it run full force through the irrigating ditches for just a half minute. Then he turned it off, and, beckoning to me, led me to the irrigating ditch."

"By this time the water which he had let in had run out into the fields, and on the bottom of the ditch were about a hundred mountain trout left high and dry and flapping about at a great rate."

"My friend gathered about twenty into a basket and threw the rest back alive into the stream. We had the ones he caught for supper, and they were delicious."

## NAME LAKES AFTER WOMEN.

Mrs. Walsh Would So Honor Distinguished Ladies of Today.

Mrs. Thomas J. Walsh, wife of Senator Walsh of Montana, is heading an active campaign to honor distinguished American women by giving their names to lakes and other beauty spots within Uncle Sam's great national parks. Women's clubs will be appealed to to further the movement.

Mrs. Walsh found inspiration for the movement through the recent courtesy of Mr. Lane, the secretary of the interior, in naming one of the most beautiful lakes in the Glacier National park in Montana Lake Ellen Wilson after Mrs. Woodrow Wilson, wife of the president.

In Glacier park alone there are several hundreds of these beautiful mountain locked lakes fed by glacier water. Only a few of them have names at present, and Mrs. Walsh wants to see them named for famous American women. She believes that the men of the nation will gladly acquiesce in the proposal.

## ARISTOCRACY EVEN AMONG THE TRAMPS

Hobo Holds Himself Aloof From the "Bum."

St. Louis.—Superintendent George M. Arendes, after four months' experience as keeper of the municipal lodging house, declares there is an aristocracy among the impecunious leisure class as well defined as that among the remainder of society in the United States.

"A lodging house in St. Louis is a necessity and is helpful to the unfortunate who are temporarily unemployed and to the true hobo," said Arendes to a reporter, "but there is a vast difference between this class of men and those who are labeled 'tramps,' 'bums' and 'stiffs' by the hoboes themselves. To these members of the lower castes we should not extend the same aid, if any, in my opinion, because they do nothing to deserve it and do not profit by it."

"A real hobo," said Arendes, "is one who has no fixed place of residence and travels about more or less aimlessly, by the roads as a rule, accepting employment whenever he needs money badly or an attractive job is located."

"The members of the leisure class, ranking just below the hobo, are called 'tramps' by the hoboes," continued Arendes. "Tramps are men who have not worked for years and have no present intention of ever engaging in profitable labor. They keep to the road, except in severe weather, when they are forced to the cities. They carry with them a complete equipment for their simple needs, such as a razor, soap, towels, changes in clothing and when on the road sometimes carry a blanket and cooking utensils."

"A 'bum' in hobo parlance, is a barrel housefly, who sticks to the cities and begs on the streets for funds. They are a surly lot as a rule, and the real hobo will not associate with them except in cases of necessity. They pay no attention to personal cleanliness, as the tramp and hobo do. They are unwilling to work under any conditions and frequently develop into highwaymen, burglars and pickpockets, but not of sufficient class to have standing with the professionals in this line, I have learned."

## LONG SEARCH FOR LOSER.

Man Still Seeks Owner of Purse Found Fifteen Years Ago.

Richmond, Ind.—James Garrett, seventy years old, a farmer of Newgarden township, was in Richmond recently to ask newspapers to assist him in finding the owner of a hand bag and purse he found at the Richmond fair ground fifteen years ago.

Garrett explained that he had advertised his find at the time and many times since without avail. The purse contained a small sum of money. "I'm getting pretty old now," said Garrett, "and I want to try once more to find the woman who lost the purse and money. I hope to restore it to her before I die."

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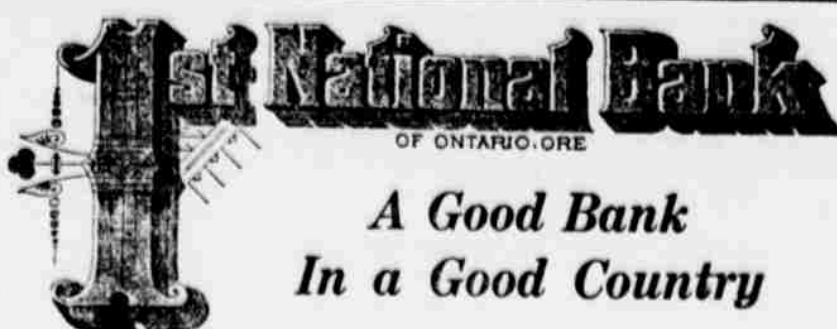
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